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(54) Title: ANASTOMOTIC CONNECTOR DEVICES

(57) Abstract: Anastomotic connector devices are provided which release a therapeutic agent. The therapeutic agent may be an anti-scarring agent that inhibits stenosis caused by the presence of the anastomotic connector device.

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1. claims: 1-63(part), 64-81, 101-117 (part)

An anastomotic coupling device comprising an anastomotic coupling device and an anti-scarring agent which is represented by a cell cycle inhibitor; wherein the agent is releasable from the device at a therapeutically effective concentration that inhibits stenosis

2. claims: 1-63 (part), 52-85, 101-117(part)

An anastomotic coupling device comprising an anastomotic coupling device and an anti-scarring agent which is represented by a heat shock protein 90 antagonist; wherein the agent is releasable from the device at a therapeutically effective concentration that inhibits stenosis

3. claims: 1-63 (part, 86-89, 101-116(part)

An anastomotic coupling device comprising an anastomotic coupling device and an anti-scarring agent which is represented by a pyrrolidine antibiotic; wherein the agent is releasable from the device at a therapeutically effective concentration that inhibits stenosis

4. claims: 1-63(part), 90-96, 101-116

An anastomotic coupling device comprising an anastomotic coupling device and an anti-scarring agent which is represented by an immunomodulator; wherein the agent is releasable from the device at a therapeutically effective concentration that inhibits stenosis

5. claims: 1-63(part), 97-100, 101-117 (part)

An anastomotic coupling device comprising an anastomotic coupling device and an anti-scarring agent which is represented by an inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase (IMPDH) inhibitor; wherein the agent is releasable from the device at a therapeutically effective concentration that inhibits stenosis

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